

# The Daily Courant.

Monday, February 4. 1706.

From the Paris Gazette, dated January 30.

Madrid, January 15.

**T**HE Day of the King's Departure is not yet fix'd, but the Preparations for it are almost finish'd, and his Household was paid Yesterday in Order to their attending him. A great Number of Catalonian Lords and Gentlemen are arriv'd here, having chosen rather to abandon their Estates, than submit to the Enemy; and his Majesty has order'd Recompences to be given them proportionable to their Loyalty and Services. Don Baltazar Montenar, Bishop of Vic was the first, the King has settled upon him an annual Pension of 2000 Ducats, which is to be paid him out of the confiscated or sequestred Estates in Castile; and has besides recommended to the Councils of the Chamber and of Italy, that he may be presented to the first vacant Abbey or considerable Sinecure in his Majesty's Nomination. His Majesty has below'd Benefices, Pensions, Employments, or Reversions on all the rest that have abandon'd their County out of Zeal for his Service. The Count de Sant Istevan de Gormaz Viceroy of Arragon, having receiv'd a Letter, in which Don Joseph Grimaldo hank'd him in his Majesty's Name for the Offers he had made as well for himself as on the part of the Marquis de Villena Duke of Escalona his Father, Viceroy of Naples, of Artillery and other Assistance to be employ'd in reducing Valencia, has written agen to offer his Majesty whatever he has on his Lands and Lordships on the Frontier of the Kingdom of Valencia, to be employ'd as long as the War shall last, for the Service of the King, the Kingdom, and the Catholick Religion. We have Advice from the Frontier, that the Troops which have entred Valencia by the Way of Riquena, have been joyn'd by a Body of the regular Forces of Castile, and that several Gentlemen have join'd them as Volunteers, with as many of their Vassals as they could draw together. The Marquis de Balde Guerrero has distinguisht himself, by repairing from San Clemente to the King's Troops, and causing 3000 Bushels of Corn to be brought to the Camp, giving it for their Subfiftance. The Count de las Torres being advanc'd to San Matheo, met with some Resistance there, because the Rebels that had fortified themselves in it, had Intelligence that 800 Miquelets and 200 Horse were coming by the Way of the Mountains to affit them. Don Antonio d' Amezaga caus'd the Regiment of the Orders to march that Way, and plac'd some Troops of Navarre in Ambush in adjacent Olive-Gardens. Then he march'd with the Guards, and having found the Enemy, defeated them after a pretty obstinate Fight, in which they lost 400 Men, 40 Horses, and 1 Standard. Those that escap'd out of the Action, fell into the Ambush of the Troops of Navarre, and were surrounded by the Pique of the Horse, who kill'd all of them, but 8 to whom they gave Quarter. After this, Don Antonio d' Amezaga siez'd some Magazines of Corn which the Rebels had laid up in several Places, and which were a seasonable Supply for the Troops. The Count de las Torres order'd a Mine to be made to blow up the Wall of San Matheo, but we hear the great Floods retarded that Work. The last Advices are, that he would not continue the Siege of that Place, which can make no long Resistance when attack'd in Form, but would march towards Valencia. We learn since that part of the Troops which were at Riquena was advanc'd within a Quarter of a League of that City. A principal Leader of the Rebels, nam'd Basset, appearing near

Chiva, 4 Leagues from Valencia, with 200 Horse of the revolted Regiment of Nebo, 450 other Horse, a Body of Militia, and 6 pieces of Cannon; Don Antonio del Valle having Intelligence of their march, sent out 40 Guards to get a View of them, who presently found them. The Officer that commanded them, order'd one of them to ride full speed to Don Antonio del Valle for Affitance, and in the mean time the remaining 39 stood the first Shock of the Catalans with great Bravery, that being supported by 20 Guards, and 40 others taking the Enemy in Flank, they put them to Flight: 30 Men of the said Regiment of Nebo were kill'd, among them a Kinsman of Basset's: 18 others were taken Prisoners, among them one of his Nephews, and 20 Horses were taken. The rest retir'd with Preparation to Valencia, where they caus'd a great Consternation. Several Parties detach'd by Don Antonio del Valle, have beaten those of the Enemy that made Excursions about the Country; and have taken some Prisoners and several Horses. The last Letters from Arragon import, that the Enemy have abandon'd Fraga, after having plunder'd it, disfigur'd an Image of the Virgin, and thrown into the River consecrated Wafers; which 'tis suppos'd was done by some of the English or Dutch. The Marshal de Thesse is gone from Pina to Belbastro to view the Situation of the Country and the Passages; and has given order for providing Boats, to follow the Army, for making Bridges: A great Number of them are making at Saragossa. 600 Walloons arriv'd from France, have pass'd by Pamplona.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated February 5.

Madrid, Jan. 19. The King's Departure for Arragon appears to be uncertain, till the Difficulties that retarded it are remov'd: In the mean Time 'tis given out, that the Queen has at length consented to take the Regency upon her during the King's Absence, provided M. Amelot the French Ambassador, be allow'd to affit her with his Counsels: 'Tis likewise talk'd, that the Count d'Aguilar the Father, has promis'd to attend the King into the Field as President of Arragon, as has also S. de Grimaldo as Secretary of the Dispatches: But most of the other Grandees persist to excuse themselves from attending his Majesty; which makes the Court very uneasy. We have Advice that the Count de las Torres having drawn together most of the Troops that are in the Kingdom of Valencia, to march against the Malecontents; began by burning the Town of Cati, and some other Places that made Resistance: Then he advanc'd to the Town of San Matheo, and caus'd it to be attack'd with Vigour, tho' without Cannon, and the Inhabitants defended themselves very bravely; this gave Time to 800 Miquelets and 200 Horse to advance, to throw themselves into the Place; the Count to prevent them, detach'd part of his Troops against them, and 'tis given out they were defeated and dispers'd. Notwithstanding which, the Inhabitants of San Matheo continuing to defend themselves obstinately, the Count summon'd them to surrend're, threatening if they persist'd to put them all to the Sword; but those Threats serv'd only to animate them the more: So that their Vigorous Resistance, and the great Rains, forc'd our Troops at length to raise the Siege. We hear from divers Parts, that the Party of King Charles III. grows stronger daily, and that it will be very difficult to reduce the Malecontents of Valencia. 'Tis said the Count de las Torres can make no considerable Effort, for Want of Artillery; wherefore 'tis believ'd the Marshal de Thesse will send him part of his.

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From the Paris Gazette, dated February 6.

Madrid, Jan. 20. Letters from Saragossa of the 12th of this Month, confirm the Advice we had receiv'd that a Succour of Troops, Provisions and Ammunition, had entred Rosez. The same Letters inform us, that the Archduke having assembled the Estates of the Principality of Catalonia, had prevail'd with them to consent to the raising of 6000 Men Regular Troops for his Defence; of which the Deputation was to furnish 1000, the City of Barcelona a like Number, and the other 4000 were to be rais'd by the other Towns and Communities. When these Levies were begun, Miquelets enow offer'd themselves to serve after their Manner; but would not list into the Regimens, and refus'd to submit to any Discipline. The Marshal de Thesse was at Candallos 4 Leagues from Frags, having view'd the Frontiers and the principal Passages. He waited for the Artillery and the rest of the Troops that are on the March to joyn him. Orders have been sent for providing Quarters for a Body of 5000 Men that are coming from France, by several Passages of the Mountains. The Letters of the 14th import, that the Marshal de Thesse had detach'd towards Tortosa 5 Men of each Company of all the Troops that were arriv'd, with 4 Pieces of Cannon and 1 Mortar, in Order to cut off all the Communication the Rebels that are in Valencia have with the Catalonians. The Van of that Detachment being arriv'd at Treseda, met a Party of 400 Miquelets, who stood prepar'd to dispute their passing through a Ravine or follow Way: The Officer that commanded, caus'd those Troops to make a Motion, as if they were retiring, which encreas'd the Enemy's Boldness, so that they pursued them in Disorder. But the Troops immediately returning to the Charge, totally defeated them. They were pursued to the Village, where having an Intrenchment they made a very brisk Fire; but were forc'd in 4 Places, and almost all put to the Sword. Our Troops had like Success at Nonespe, tho' the Rebels had 3 Intrenchments there, which were carried Sword in Hand; and those that escap'd, took Refuge in a Church, where they are kept besieged. The King's Troops have driven the Rebels out of Battia and some other Places situate on the Road to the Bridge of Tortosa. We have likewise Intelligence, that Basset after he was defeated near Chiva, retir'd into the Territory of the City of Valencia, and that the People having mutinied against him, had oblig'd him to draw together all the Miquelets and Militia he could, to maintain himself there: Notwithstanding which, a 2d Commotion had happen'd, which had made him resolve to pillage the said Territory and retire. The 11th the Marquis de Pozoblanco arriv'd with his Regiment at Segorbe, and was to joyn the Count de las Torres the next Day. The Duke de Popoli arriv'd the 14th at Requena; and with the Duke of Arcos and the Troops that were landed at Carbonera, was to joyn the Detachment of Guards that was at Chiva, and repair to the Body commanded by the Count de las Torres, who the 15th was at Moncada within a League of Valencia. The Rebels of that City, sent a Detachment to Alcantar, hoping the Inhabitants would open their Gates to them, but the Detachment finding Resistance, block'd up that Place. The Bishop of Murcia and the Bishop of Oriuela having drawn together 5000 Men, consisting partly of new rais'd Troops partly of Militia, attack'd them in their Intrenchments, put them to Flight after having kill'd a great Number of them, and were pursuing the rest.

From the Brussels Gazette, dated Feb. 5.

Perpignan, Jan. 20. Letters from Pina of the 14th of this Month, confirm, that the Detachment of the Army of the Count de las Torres commanded by Don Antonio d'Amezaga, has defeated 800 Rebels: But the Marquis de Brancas has not had so good Fortune; for he being sent with a Detachment of the Army of the Marshal de Thesse consisting of 500 Horse and Foot, without Cannon, to attack the Miquelets that were in a great Village call'd Nonaspe, he found the Enemy intrench'd behind a good Wall and a Ditch, and having no Artillery to force their Defence, he was oblig'd to retire to Maella after a long Skirmish, in which M. de Courville Brigadier,

and Colonel of the Regiment of Main was wounded in the Leg. M. Pugnot Captain of Grenadiers of the Regiment of Germinon was kill'd, 6 subaltern Officers were wounded, and 30 Soldiers kill'd or wounded.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated Feb. 9.

Paris, Feb. 1. The Count de Toulouse's Equipage is gone from hence for Toulon; and the Officers of his Household are to go to Morrow by the Lyons Coach. Men are working hard to fit out the Squadron the Count is to command, which 'tis said will consist of 30 Men of War and Frigates. A great Number of Bombs is likewise getting ready, and 'tis given out they will be made use of in bombarding Barcelona: This Squadron is design'd to secure the Coasts of Spain, and intercept, if possible, the Succours that may be sent by Sea to the Enemy in Catalonia. Some Men of War are also fitting out in the Ports of the Ocean, to be sent into the Mediterranean. All the Sea-Officers that were in this City are gone. M. de Legal Lieutenant General continues here, waiting for Orders for the Troops that are to march into Roussillon and Spain, where they cannot arrive till the Beginning of next Month. An extraordinary Courier is arriv'd from the Marshal de Thesse, dispatch'd by him the 20th of last Month from the Camp at Caspe; and has brought the King Advice, that the Earl of Peterborough was on the March with a Body of English and Dutch Troops and Miquelets, to reinforce the Malecontents of the Kingdom of Valencia; and that thereupon the Marshal had likewise put himself on the March with 18 Battallions and 9 Squadrons of French Troops, to reinforce the Count de las Torres: So that we expect to hear of a great Action.

From the Antwerp Courant, dated Feb. 5.

Toulon, Jan. 20. Yesterday 3 Fireships and 4 Vessels with Bombs, sail'd from hence to joyn M. du Quesne, who the 13th Instant sail'd from the Islands Hieres for the Coast of Catalonia, with 12 large Men of War, 3 Frigates, and 7 other Vessels. Men are working so hard here to fit out 26 other Ships of War, carrying from between 58 to 92 Guns, as they are likewise at Marsailles to equip 10 Galleys, that 'tis not doubted they will all be ready in 14 Days Time to put to Sea. 'Tis reported that the Count de Toulouse and the Marshal de Coenwreys will shortly come hither, and sail with the Fleet for Barcelona.

From the Paris Letter, dated February 5.

Paris, Feb. 5. The Departure of the Count de Toulouse is put off to the 12th of this Month. The Marshal de Coenwreys will be going the 10th: Order is sent to M. de Bellefontaine to go with 2 Men of War to relieve M. du Quesne, who is to return with his Squadron to Toulon, to joyn the Fleet that is to put to Sea with the Admiral. 'Tis talk'd the Count de Toulouse will be before Barcelona by the 1st of March, whither Troops are to march from all Parts.

**A**t the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Monday, being the 4th of February, will be presented a Comedy, call'd, *The Northern Lass*; or, *The Neft of Fools*: With some Italian Sonatas on the Violin by Signior Gasparini, and several Entertainments of Dancing by Monsieur du Ruel, Mrs. de Ruel and Mrs. Moss; with a Comical Epilogue by Mr. Pinkethman riding on an Ass. And to Morrow, being Tuesday, will be presented the Tragedy of *Mackbeth*.

**A**t the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, this present Monday, being the 4th of February, will be presented the last Reviv'd Farce, call'd, *Squire Trelooby*; The last Act being entirely new. To which will be added, *The Masque of Europe's Revels*, with the Scaramouch Dance by Mr. Layfield, and another Comical Entertainment never perform'd by him before.

These Plays are Sold by J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and B. Lintott Next Nando's Coffee-House, Temple-Bar.

This Day continues the Sale by Auction of Bibliotheca Legalis, at the Temple Coffee-house in Bevereux Court, containing a valuable Collection of the most celebrated English Authors, in most Arts and Sciences; this Night will be sold the Octavo's Catalogues deliver'd at the Place of Sale.

A Catalogue of Greek, Latin, Italian and French Books, most of them are neatly Bound, Gilt Back, and Letter'd. There is a Set of Gravius's Roman Antiquities, his *Thesaurus Italicus*, Gronovius's *Thesaurus Graecarum*, 31 Volumes; and several valuable Books, in large Paper. To be sold by Auction at Tom's Coffee-House in St. Martin's-Lane, to Day the 4th of February, 1705-6. At Five a Clock in the Afternoon. Catalogues sold for 2d. by Edw. Castle, at Scotland-Yard-Gate, near Whitehall; John Barnes in the Palmar; H. Ribotau, in the Strand, over-against Bedford-House, at the Sign of the Crown; J. Knapton, at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard; R. Smith, at Temple-Bar; Mr. Horn, at the South Entrance of the Royal-Exchange; and at the Place of Sale.